

EAST MENACED BY RED ACTION

Bolsheviki Attempting Alliance of Orientals, Hindus and Mohammedans.

BRITISH RUIN IS AIM
Advance on Teheran Step Toward Attack on Britain in East.

(Washington Herald-Public Ledger Service. Special Cable Dispatch.) Geneva, May 27.—A general uprising in Persia in consequence of the Red army's advance on Teheran is predicted by Persian nationalist leaders in Switzerland. While their intensely anti-British declarations are to be taken with caution, there can be no doubt that the Bolshevik invasion of Persia is the first step toward the great attack on the British empire in the East, which was planned in Moscow and Berlin at the close of the world war.

At a secret meeting of Persian and other Oriental nationalists here it was stated the Bolsheviks are acting in accordance with plans evolved soon after Germany's collapse by the so-called "Oriental department" of the Russian foreign office and "The Bureau of Oppressed Nationalities," founded by the Bolshevik Foreign Minister Chicherine. The British government was repeatedly warned of this plot.

One of the Persian Nationalist chiefs here said: "As a social doctrine, Bolshevism has no chance whatever in Persia. Persia has no industrial proletariat. On the other hand Persia has no army capable of resisting the Red invasion. The British troops of occupation, while strong enough to hold the Persians in awe, are too weak to give battle to the Bolsheviks. The Persian people regard the Bolsheviks as liberators."

The only way to prevent Persians from joining the Bolsheviks is to convince a Persian parliament and submit the Anglo-Persian treaty to its decision. Such a parliament undoubtedly would reject the treaty in its present form, but would conclude a new treaty, compatible with Persian independence."

Events in Azerbaijan, where Turkish Nationalists have seized power, have made a deep impression in Turkey and have stimulated resistance against the allied peace terms. The fate of the Georgian Republic is trembling in the balance. The sinister alliance of Russian Bolshevism with Oriental Nationalism, Mohammedans and Hindus threatens to set the whole East afire.

Lenine himself revealed his ambition in a recent speech at Moscow in which he said: "The Soviet is the mortal enemy of all existing governments, but chiefly of England, whose world empire must be destroyed."

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RAIL VALUATION BELIEVED FAIR

Thos. W. Hulme Submits Advance Report Showing Reproduction Costs.

Preliminary government reports on the cost of reproducing the railroads of the United States more than sustain the aggregate property investment accounts of the railroad companies, according to an analysis of the government figures submitted to the advance freight hearing yesterday by Thomas W. Hulme, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Hulme, who addressed the hearing as vice chairman of the valuation committee of the carriers, stated that when the inventories were completed for all the roads they undoubtedly would show a reproduction cost on 1914 prices in excess of the carrier's own investment statements and on the basis of the present prices the total would be far in excess of this.

The aggregate railroad property investment, as claimed by the carriers in reports presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission at the opening of the present rate hearing, is \$20,600,000,000. This figure, Mr. Hulme said, would be more than sustained on the 1914 reproduction costs, while the application of 1920 prices to the inventories would add billions more.

Mr. Hulme pointed out that the government preliminary reports covered a number of roads recently in the hands of receivers and very few of the larger and stronger companies.

AIRPLANE RIDES FOR 150 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Airplane rides for young women obtaining 150 subscriptions to performances of "The Mikado" and "H. M. S. Pinafore," which are to be presented by the People's National Opera Company at Poli's Theater next week, were offered as prizes last night by William B. Westlake, chairman of the opera committee. All young women in Washington are eligible.

Eight boxes for the Saturday night performance of "Pinafore" have been reserved for members obtaining the largest number of subscriptions.

"The Cherry Tree," College Year Book, Again Issued

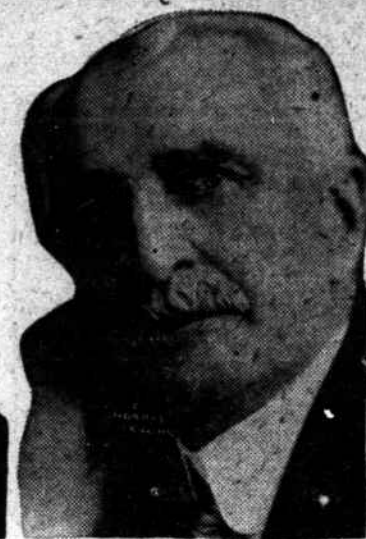
For the first time since it suspended publication when the country entered the war, "The Cherry Tree," George Washington University's annual, yesterday made its appearance.

Larger in volume than ever before, the detail of engravings and general material of interest are said to distinguish the book as the best yet produced by the students of the institution. Its success is attributed to the literary ability of William Ballinger, editor-in-chief, and the hard-working propensities of Thomas Lodge, business manager.

With Best Birthday Wishes



CLARENCE R. AHALT, prominent among all of the Masonic institutions in Washington, will today receive congratulations upon his 32d birthday. Born at Rockville, Mr. Ahalt came to Washington when he was 18 years of age. Before he was admitted to the bar he worked in a real estate office, during which time he prepared himself for the bar. Motoring and baseball are his two favorite diversions. He is a member of the Board of Trade, having served for several years on both the shad barge and membership committees. He is married and has two daughters.



JULES A. DEMONET, retired business man, will today celebrate his 66th birthday. Mr. Demonet's confectionery and caterer's store, which was established in 1848 by his father, Charles Demonet, has the distinction of furnishing the White House with goodies since President Buchanan's administration. His favorite recreation is fishing. He is a member of the Board of Trade, the City Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Elks. He has one son and a married daughter, the former now having charge of the establishment.



Senator MORRIS SHEPPARD, of Texas, who sponsored the bone-dry legislation for the National Capital, will today celebrate his 45th birthday anniversary. Senator Sheppard is a member of the Senate District Committee, and took a prominent part in the investigation by a subcommittee into the high cost of living in the District. He was elected in October, 1902, to the Fifty-seventh Congress to fill out the unexpired term of his father, John L. Sheppard. He is a sovereign banker or national treasurer of the Woodmen of the World, the second largest fraternal insurance order in the United States.

SENATE BODIES GIVEN PARING

Number of Standing Committees Cut from 72 Down to 32.

The Senate yesterday voted to reorganize its system of standing committees, wiping out forty minor committees that rarely if ever hold meetings.

This action was taken by unanimous vote on motion of Senator Knox. It reduces the number of standing committees from seventy-two to thirty-two. Membership of major committees is limited to fifteen.

Knox explained it was solely in the interest of economy and efficiency.

"I am heartily in sympathy with the idea," Underwood, Alabama, Democratic leader, agreed.

Alabama raised enough peanuts this year to supply two quart bags to every man, woman and child in the United States.

Unknowing Chinks Now Blamed for Straw Hat Boost

Chicago, May 27.—Wah Hoh Owan Zang Nun! That's the reason for the high cost of straw hats. Chinese laborers, rebelling against low pay for making straw braid, are going into other industries. Local straw hat dealers say that it means this country will have a straw hat famine. Straw braid is largely imported from China.

Fung Lee, Chinese laundryman, gives the reason, which, when translated, means, "They want more money."

Dealers say Chicago's straw hat sales this year will fall below \$50,000. Last year \$60,000 Chicagoans bought them.

Straws were selling from \$5 up here today. Some Panamas could be bought for \$20.

SKIFF OVERTURNS; 4 COLORED MEN DIE

(Special to Washington Herald.) Fredericksburg, Va., May 27.—While crossing Machodoc Creek, in King George County, four colored laborers at the naval proving grounds were drowned when their skiff overturned. Several of the bodies have been recovered.

CHARGES ARMY JOB MONOPOLY

Civil Service Head Alleges Enlisted Men Take Clerkships.

COMPLAINS TO SENATE

Soldiers Gain Added Pay
Serving in Department Offices.

Strong denunciation of an alleged tendency to militarize the Civil Service is contained in a letter from Martin A. Morrison, president of the Civil Service Commission, to Senator Thomas Sterling, of North Dakota, which was inserted in the Senate record yesterday by Senator Sterling.

Morrison cited provisions in appropriation acts for replacing civilians with enlisted men, who thereafter perform civil duties, though retaining a military status.

Civilians Lose Vote. He cited the army appropriations act of August 3, 1912, giving 4,000 civilian positions in the Ordnance Corps to enlisted men. The army appropriations act of August 29, 1916, Morrison charges, changed the status of headquarters clerks to army field clerks, thus throwing out 7,000 civilians.

The present reorganization bill, declares Morrison, proposes replacement of civilians by enlisted men in the War Department to a considerable extent.

"It proposes," said Morrison, "the distribution of 27,200 enlisted men throughout the several services of the War Department, where no enlisted men were employed before the war, and indicates a tendency to militarize the Civil Service of the entire department."

Charges Militarism. "Section 12 of the army reorganization act authorizes the President to maintain a permanent personnel, which includes more than 263,200 enlisted men. Section 15 allows 23 per cent, or at least 60,536 enlisted men to receive additional pay for specialized work in the performance of which no military authority is required. The proposed basis of pay of enlisted men runs as high as \$100 a month, with additional pay for specialized work of \$30 a month."

"The Commission called the attention of the Senate and House committees on military affairs to these provisions which it regards as objectionable. It is detrimental to the service in general and repugnant to our form of government."

"The state of affairs outlined in this letter is neither just nor satisfactory," said Senator Sterling, "and the public and Congress ought to be fully informed about it."

Sherman Sterling said that he probably would introduce a resolution calling for an investigation.

WASHINGTON MAY GET JEANNE D'ARC STATUE

A joint resolution authorizing the erection of a statue of Jeanne d'Arc, on public land in the District of Columbia, by the Societe des Femmes de France of New York, was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Brandegee, of Connecticut. The measure was referred to the Committee on the Library. It provides that the government shall not be called upon to bear any part of the expense. The statue would be a replica of the Jeanne d'Arc statue of Paul Dubois.

Bayside Resort to Open Today.

All is in readiness for the formal opening of Chesapeake Beach, the bayside resort, tomorrow, according to an announcement last night by officials of the Chesapeake Beach Railway. The regular schedule of trains will be supplemented by as many special trains as the size of the crowds demands.

SAYS TRAINMEN NEED NEW SHOES MONTHLY

Chicago, May 27.—Twelve pairs of shoes per year and \$100 worth of uniforms rip railroad pay checks to shreds, trainmen told the United States Railroad Labor Board here today.

Combating the claims of railroad owners, that the wage demands of trainmen are "unfair and excessive," representatives of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen presented columns of price and wage comparisons.

E. N. Doak, vice president of the brotherhood, said a trainman in Livingston, Mont., had expenses exceeding his pay by \$17 a week. Another trainman in Portland, Me., he said, had approximately the same balance sheet.

Members said a decision would be announced shortly after the hearing. An Arab drinks cold water with a spoon, and never bathes in it unless his home be on the seashore.

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After you have secured your ground you fill out a blank questionnaire form prepared by the Minter Homes Corporation, stating the size of house, price you want to pay, number of rooms needed, amount of cash you can pay down—in fact everything you want, and if your wants are reasonable and businesslike, work can begin on erection within two days and completed, if necessary, within thirty days.

The cost of the houses vary and depend entirely upon what your wants are.

If your wants are considered unreasonable and are not accepted the amount of your deposit of 10% of the price of the lot fixed by the purchaser will be refunded. This is all the money purchaser pays until application for house is accepted.

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R. J. Reynolds Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., has bought 82 Minter homes.

The Mellon Stuart Co., of Pittsburgh, ordered 200 Minter homes and constructed them in five months of the worst winter in a lifetime. Thousands of others have been built.